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YUGOSLAV MISSION IN NEW YORK

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE NO. 1515/74, DATED NOVEMBER 26 FROM YUGOSLAV MISSION IN RESPONSE TO USUN'S NOTE CONCERNING YUGOSLAV COMPLAINT REGARDING NOVEMBER 2 DEMONSTRATION. TEXT OF YUGOSLAV NOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ITS NOTE OF 19 NOVEMBER 1974 CONCERNING THE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION WHICH OCCURRED OUTSIDE THIS MISSION ON 2 NOVEMBER 1974.

THE YUGOSLAV MISSION SINCERELY REGRETS THAT IT HAD TO FIND THE REPLY OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO ITS NOTE NO 1420/74 OF 4 NOVEMBER 1974 UNSATISFACTORY IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. WHILE REJECTING AS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED THE CONTEMPTIBLE INSINUATIONS AND CALUMNIES OF SO-CALLED UNCLASSIFIED

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"DEMONSTRATORS", THIS MISSION FINDS ANY REFERENCE TO THEM

REGRETTABLE. IT FEELS THAT IT IS UNFORTUNATE TO PLACE ON THE SAME FOOTING THE DIPLOMATIC MISSION OF A MEMBER STATE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH EXPECTS PROTECTION IN VIEW OF A NUMBER OF VIOLENT ATTACKS AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTRY IN THE PAST, AND FASCIST HOOLIGANS AND EXTREMISTS WHOSE OBJECTIVES AND MOTIVES ARE WELL KNOWN AND WHO REPEATEDLY ENGAGE IN HOSTILE AND VIOLENT ACTIVITIES AGAINST THEM.

THE YUGOSLAV MISSION WISHES TO STATE THAT IT CANNOT ACCEPT THE PRESENTATION OF THE WHOLE INCIDENT AS THE MERE BREAKING OF ONE WINDOW. FURTHERMORE, THE SHATTERING OF THE THICK PLATE GLASS ON THE WINDOWS OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE'S OFFICE, WITH THE HEAVY OBJECTS THAT PENETRATED IT, COULD HAVE CAUSED GRAVE INJURY TO ANY OCCUPANT AND, THEREFORE, CANNOT BE DISMISSED LIGHTLY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, A NUMBER OF OTHER VIOLATIONS AND ABUSES WERE REPORTED IN THE YUGOSLAV MISSION'S NOTE OF 4 NOVEMBER WHICH THE US MISSION'S NOTE FAILS TO COMMENT. WHAT IS ALSO NOT COMMENTED UPON IS THE FACT THAT THE SO-CALLED DEMONSTRATORS TOOK UP POSITIONS OPPOSITE THE MISSION BUILDING, ON THE WEST SIDE OF FIFTH AVENUE, THAT IS TO SAY, AT A DISTANCE OF 30 TO 40 FEET FROM THE BUILDING, IN CLEAR CONTRAVENTION OF THE PROVISION OF THE ACT FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN GUESTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE NON-PREVENTION OF EVIDENT VIOLATIONS OF US LAWS AND REGULATIONS, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE POLICE, FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR, CANNOT BUT CAUSE A SERIOUS CONCERN.

WHILE TAKING NOTE OF THE REITERATED ASSURANCES OF THE UNITED STATES MISSION THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS MISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, THE YUGOSLAV MISSION WISHES TO RECALL WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION ORALLY AT THE TIME OF THE HANDING OVER OF ITS NOTE, NAMELY, THAT FAILURE TO DEVOTE ADEQUATE AND SERIOUS ATTENTION IN THE PAST HAS LED, AS A RULE, TO A RECURRENCE OF EVER ESCALATING CRIMINAL ATTACKS WHICH, IN THE END, RESULTED IN SERIOUS BODILY INJURIES INFLICTED ON THE STAFF OF YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC

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AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND IN HEAVY MATERIAL DAMAGE.

ONLY THE STRICTEST IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND THE APPLICATION OF ADEQUATE MEASURES OF PROTECTION TO THE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS CAN PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF ATTACKS.

IN THIS CONNEXION, IT IS RECALLED THAT THE UNITED

STATES AUTHORITIES WITHDREW, SOME TIME AGO, THE POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS SPECIFICALLY ASSIGNED TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF THE MISSION AND POSTED IN FRONT OF ITS BUILDING ON A PERMANENT BASIS AND THAT THE VIOLENT ATTACK IN QUESTION OCCURRED AFTER THE SAID POLICE OFFICER HAD BEEN REMOVED.

THE YUGOSLAV MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH HAS ALWAYS ENDEAVOURED TO ACT ON A PURELY BILATERAL BASIS, WISHES TO EXPRESS ONCE AGAIN ITS GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE WHOLE MATTER AND TO REQUEST ADEQUATE PROTECTION WHICH WOULD EFFECTIVELY PREVENT THE RECURRENCE OF ATTACKS LIKE THE ONE ON 2 NOVEMBER 1974 AND ENABLE THE MISSION TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES WITHOUT ANY HARASSMENT, ABUSE AND VIOLENT ATTACKS.

2. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RESPOND TO THIS COMMUNICATION.
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